EMPLOYEE TRAINING RECORD TRAINING TITLE

Hammer Safety

KEY TEACHING POINTS

There are about 15 different types of hammers, including these and more: claw, sledge, bricklayer's, peen, chipping, tack, and soft-faced. The following suggestions can help to keep you from injuring yourself or ruining the tool, no matter what kind of hammer you use.

- Use the right type and size hammer for the job. Use a carpenter's hammer, for example, for driving or pulling nails, not for striking star drills or cold chisels. Don't use a lightweight hammer for a heavy job. You'll work harder and increase the chances of hurting yourself or damaging the tool.
- 2. Strike the surface squarely. Always use the head of the hammer and never the side. A glancing blow increases your chances of striking a finger or chipping the hammer head. Don't strike one hammer with another. Hammer heads are made of hardened steel, and pieces may chip off and fly.
- Control the hammer. Hold the hammer toward the end of the handle. Beginners have a 3. tendency to choke up on the handle, reducing the force of the blow and making it difficult to hit the target squarely.
- Wear safety glasses. Protect your eyes against flying chips when striking objects such 4. as chisels, punches, and drills.
- Be sure the target is stationary and firm. When driving stakes or hitting a large cold 5. chisel, be sure the person holding the work uses tongs. This will protect them from being hit by a glancing blow.

In baseball it's three strikes and you're out. It only takes one strike when you're using a worn hammer, the wrong hammer, or even when you're using the right hammer incorrectly.

TEST ANSWERS QUESTION **FALSE TRUE** 1 Use the right type and size hammer for the job. 2 Strike the surface squarely. 3 Control the hammer. 4 Wear Safety Glasses. 5 Be sure the target is stationary and firm. **EMPLOYEE'S NAME** EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE DATE INSTRUCTOR'S NAME INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE DATE